

# Mid-November Newsletter



## GOALS

What goals have you set for yourself this year: grade/GPA goals, personal goals, goals for your future?

There are just **19** days left of semester one of senior year to hit your next target!

## Semester 2 Schedule Changes



If you want to change your CCHS schedule or request a different class next semester, please email your request to Mrs. Antrim by Friday, December 4.

## Dual Enrollment Registration (John A. Logan College)



John A. Logan College

For those planning to take additional classes at JALC this spring – registration is open and the form is available online ([CLICK HERE](#))!

To look up course offerings – [VISIT HERE](#). *Make sure you input Student Program: Undergraduate Program and Term: SP 2021.*

## Rebound

If when reviewing your academic progress this semester you feel Rebound might be the best option towards graduation, please email Mrs. Antrim. Registration opens December 4 and is a multi-step process. Classes begin January 7.

## Mrs. Antrim's Q2 Class Recap

I met with every senior in English class late-Oct./early-Nov. Students completed a Senior Check Survey; FAFSA Progress Survey; and had time to work on next steps for life after HS. Check in with your student - how is he/she doing with planning & completing tasks for his/her future?

If they need help, encourage him/her to reach out to myself or Mrs. Murphy.

## Postsecondary Plans: By Now...

**College-bound** students should have completed their college applications or are working to meet deadlines; requested transcripts be sent to said colleges ([CLICK HERE](#)); completed the FAFSA Application; continuing to look for scholarship opportunities and check emails for follow-up from colleges.

**Military-bound** students should be in contact with a recruiter; studying for & scheduling an ASVAB exam & physical test with said recruiter; asking questions; and finalizing plans.

**Career-bound** students should be in contact with local/area trades schools, vocational programs, or apprenticeships; asking questions about the application & interview process; and preparing said materials.

**Gap-year** students should be in contact with Mrs. Antrim or Mrs. Murphy – working to define what a gap year means for them and talking with parents/guardians about said plans.



Keep in mind there is no cookie-cutter plan, and each student is destined for their own postsecondary journey and experience. What we encourage is that you stay focused on defining your plans and working every day to make the necessary steps in creating that future!

## Scholarships – Are YOU ready?

### Why should “I” apply for scholarships?

- Scholarships can be vital to helping a student afford college.
- Think about it! If you spend 4 hours working on one \$1,000 scholarship and get it. You just earned \$250 per hour!
- Be sure to apply for as many as you can, you never know you might be exactly what they are looking for. Plus, the more you apply, the more likely you are to get an award!

### When looking for scholarships, remember...

- Think big, and small
- Plan ahead
- Proofread
- Submit ALL required information & materials
- Apply as much as possible
- Apply as early as possible

### What can I do now?

- Begin looking for scholarships
- Create a scholarship list with deadlines
- Ask questions & stay informed

### No... really... how do I get started?

- Use Mrs. Antrim’s *Scholarship Overview* document (attached to the end of this newsletter) to better understand the various types of scholarships and find a list of SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE SITES.
- Visit the [SCHOLARSHIP](#) section of *Mrs. Murphy’s Google Classroom*
  - Scholarships are uploaded as they become available, and most applications are just a click away! Go to Classwork/Scholarships. Deadlines are approaching!
- Visit the [SCHOLARSHIP](#) section of *Naviance*
  - You can find local scholarships available here for download. To log into [Naviance](#) click Student/Continue with Clever/Carbondale Community HS/Log in with Google/School UN & PW. Once in Naviance go to College/Scholarships & Money/Scholarship List.

## FAFSA Completion

**43.6%** of the CCHS Class of 2021 has completed the FAFSA Completion Graduation Requirement. THANK YOU to those students & families who worked to complete it thus far!  
**Let's see what percentage we can get to by Winter Break?!**

In fact, it is ideal for college bound students to complete their application asap, to ensure their application is in before any grant money runs out. If your student is not college-bound, he/she needs to complete the opt out form and return it the CCHS Attendance Office or by email to Mrs. Antrim – [find form here](#).

Here are the TOP THREE things you as a family can do to set yourself up for success:

- (1) both student & parent create your FSA ID, [click here](#)
- (2) have prepared & available your financial paperwork
- (3) schedule a meeting with our ISAC Rep., Nathan Dyer, if you need assistance or help getting started.

[CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING](#)

These are 45-minute sessions via Zoom.

## SAT Requirement

If your student did not take the SAT exam in October, he/she will be required to take it with the junior class in April. Be mindful, (like FAFSA) this is also a graduation requirement.

## Family Resources

- [Supporting your Student through the College Application Process During COVID-19](#) 11/15 4:00- 5:00PM Join WashU experts in student health & wellness and the parent experience of “Letting Go” for a discussion about the uncertainty that students are facing as they apply to college during a global pandemic.
- [Experience SIU](#)-11/17 7:00-8:00 pm - Join us for a lively engagement and discussion with Chancellor Lane and key SIU staff highlighting the opportunities and benefits of attending SIU Carbondale. Let us help you understand how easy it is to apply, hear about the new (and improved) scholarship opportunities, and hear the amazing amount of academic and life experiences that are available at our premier educational institution!
- [Parenting in Place MasterClass - Fall Schedule](#)- 11/17 - 1/19 Join a group of experts in parenting, well-being and neuroscience for three months of support. Experts are available to answer questions, validate feelings and help find resilience. This 8 week course costs \$39 as an early bird registrant.

## Upcoming Maternity Leave

As most of you are aware, I will be on maternity leave sometime in January. I plan to be out most, if not all of the semester. In preparation for that transition, I want you to know you will be in good hands with Ms. Allie Myers (see her intro on the next page)! In my December/January newsletter I will be sure to leave any important information, next steps, deadlines, and points of contact for you to have the most successful END OF HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE!

## Meet Ms. Allie Myers



Hello! My name is Allie Myers. I will be filling in for Mrs. Antrim this Spring. I am graduating with a master's degree in Counselor Education this May from SEMO. Three things about me: I love Disney, Beyonce, and movies! I will try to keep my random singing/dancing outbursts under control! I interned with Mrs. Koester for a couple months before school shut down in March, and I absolutely loved it. I am so excited to be back at Carbondale High School! This is such an amazing opportunity, and I am so looking forward to meeting all of you. Until then, stay safe and see you in January!

## End of Semester: Important Dates

- November 23-27: No School, Fall Break
- December 4: Semester 2 Schedule Change Requests Due
- December 18: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (no students)
- December 21-January 1: No School, Holiday Break
- January 4: School Resumes, 1/2 Day

# Scholarship Overview

## College Specific (Merit-based & Program-based) Scholarships

Each college provides their own scholarships. Some are simple awarded through the FAFSA or college admission application, and many are awarded based on a separate scholarship application.

Merit based scholarships are typically awarded on the basis of academic, athletic, or artistic merit. Program based scholarships may be available through your chosen major. Be sure to not only check out general college scholarships, but also scholarships within the program you apply.

Use the college website to search for scholarships they might provide, or you may also contact the admissions or financial aid office for help.

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## External Scholarships

Explore the following scholarship websites for world- and nation-wide scholarship opportunities:

<https://www.tuitionfundingsources.com/category/scholarships/>

<https://finaid.org/scholarships/>

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://www.cappex.com/scholarships>

<https://www.collegegreenlight.com/scholarships/-s/>

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

<https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

<https://www.raise.me/>

<https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>

<https://www.goingmerry.com/>

<https://portal.ilcis.intocareers.org/#CurrentCluster>

For ILCIS: [Click... IL Resident | CIS High School | Carbondale 62901 | Education | Illinois Scholarships]

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## Internal Scholarships

Local and area scholarships will be uploaded as they become available and can be accessed through Naviance and Mrs. Murphy's Google Classroom.

College-bound students are strongly encouraged to complete the CCHS General Scholarship application through Naviance/Google Classroom, available in December 2020.

\*Also consider asking around your personal community: churches, parent's employers, as well as extracurricular or activity-based scholarships.

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Watch out for scholarship scams! If you have to pay to apply for the scholarship, it is a scam. Never divulge your checking or savings account numbers, social security number or other personal information. If you are unsure, check with your counselor.